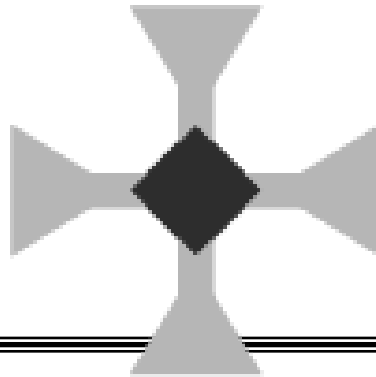


The Order of Mass

# Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 11 & 12, 2024 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.



*St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN*

*Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!*

*We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.*

*Upon the conclusion of Mass, please return your worship aid  
to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

## **Prayer for Families**

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our parish families, so that in the strength of your grace their members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*The Mass is made up of two parts:*

*The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

### Entrance Song

### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All



hymns through-out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-  
praise to you let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-



lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod. As -  
lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their  
lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" Thus they say, "This  
lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges run, With



cends un - to the throne of God.  
Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-  
is his glo - rious tri - umph day!"  
Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# Gloria



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,  
glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to  
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-  
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the  
sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

## Collect

*The Collect is made up of three parts:*

1. *The invitation ("Let us Pray").*
2. *Silent prayer by all gathered.*
3. *The formal prayer proclaimed by the priest, which "collects" the individual prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*In the readings God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful.*

### Reading I

Acts 1:1-11

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***All respond: Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trumpets for the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

*Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

## Reading II

Ephesians 1:17-23

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.*

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Acclamation** *Please Stand.*

*We welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel. During this time, we stand and face the ambo as a special reverence for the Gospel of Christ. The "Alleluia" is sung in every time of year, except Lent.*



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## **Gospel**

Mark 16:15-20

*This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and proclaims the reading, and there is often candles and incense used.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
***All respond: And with your spirit.***  
Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
***All respond: Glory to You, O Lord.***

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
***All respond: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**Homily** *Please be seated.*

## **Profession of Faith**

*The whole people respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily, and honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
**(bow)** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man **(stand upright)**.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

**Response:** *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

*We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.*



# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Every second Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's takes a second collection to support various charitable and advocacy organizations.

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Go Out, Go Out

## Preparation of Gifts

Refrain

Go out, go out to all the world and tell the  
Good News, tell the Good, Good News! Go out, go  
out to all the world and tell the Good News,  
1, 4 2, 3 to Verses  
tell the Good, Good News! tell the Good, Good News.

Verse 1

1. Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, all you na - tions;  
1. Glo - ri - fy him, glo - ri - fy him, you peo - ples!

Verse 2

2. Stead-fast, stead-fast is his kind - ness toward us,  
2. and the faith - ful-ness of the LORD en - dures!

## Invitation to Prayer

*Please Stand.*

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All respond: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*This is the center and high point of the entire Mass. This prayer requires that all listen to it with reverence and in silence.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All respond:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

**All respond:** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All respond:** *It is right and just.*

## Preface Acclamation

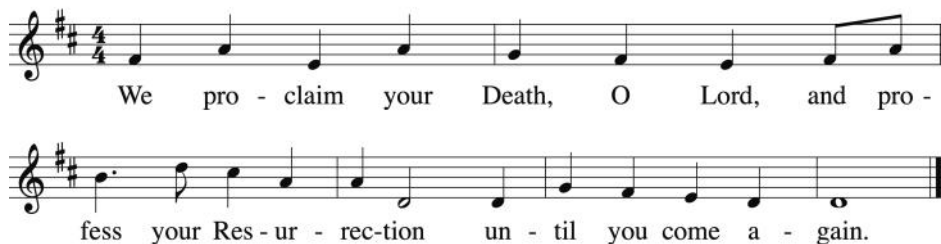
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Please Kneel.*

*Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, and all the people, living and dead.*

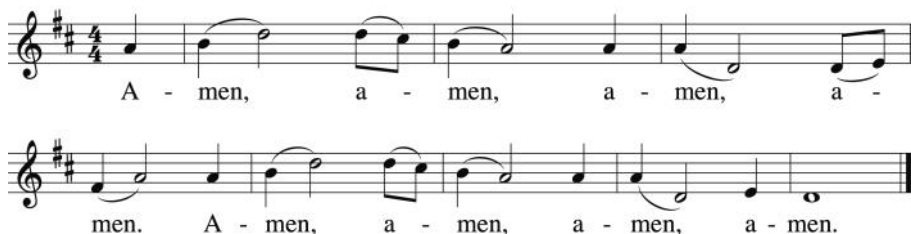
## Memorial Acclamation



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -  
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

## Amen

*This "Amen" is affirmation, our statement of "I believe", to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.*



A - men, a - men, a - men, a -  
men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

*Please Stand.*

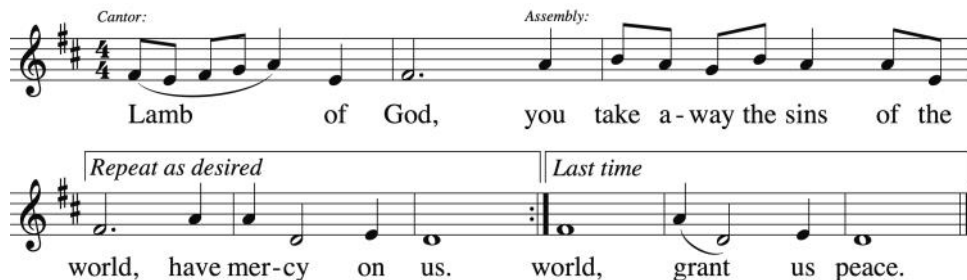
## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All respond: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

## Lamb of God

*The priest puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation.*



*Cantor:* Lamb of God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the  
*Repeat as desired* world, have mer-cy on us. *Last time* world, grant us peace.

*Please Kneel.*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## Communion

*All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Song

## All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek-er, be a  
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat-tered in com - mun-ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.

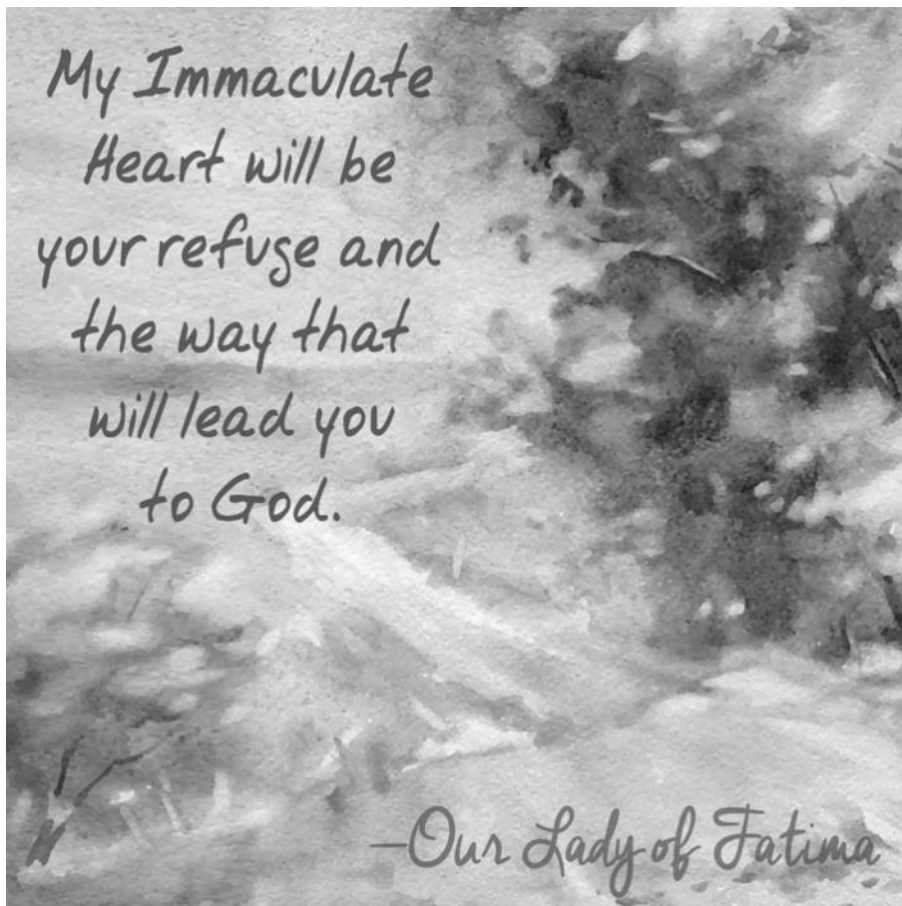
Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## **Meditation**

*5pm Madre de Dios—Angotti  
8:30/ 10:30am Ave Maria—Schubert*



## **Prayer after Communion**

*Concluding the prayer of the People of God and the whole Communion Rite, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated, The people make this prayer their own when they acclaim "amen."*

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### Blessing

*Transformed by the power of the Liturgy, we are sent out to seek, love, and serve Jesus Christ through those we meet outside of Mass.*

### Dismissal

### Closing song

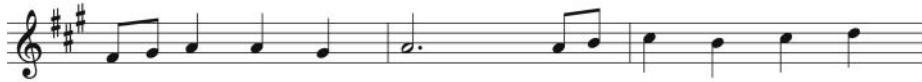
### Go Make of All Disciples



1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We hear the call, O  
 2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples," Bap - tiz - ing in the  
 3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We at your feet would  
 4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We wel - come your com -



Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In  
 name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From  
 stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Shows  
 mand. "Lo, I am with you al - ways." We



your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of  
 age to age the same. We call each new dis -  
 forth your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the  
 take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And  
 ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -  
 na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -  
 fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In



let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.  
 deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.  
 veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.  
 heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS  
THE MOTHER  
WHO WATCHES  
OVER US,  
HER CHILDREN,  
ON OUR  
JOURNEY  
THROUGH LIFE,  
OFTEN WEARY  
AND IN NEED,  
ANXIOUS THAT  
THE LIGHT OF  
HOPE NOT FAIL.

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